



# Town of Glastonbury

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Town Manager

The Glastonbury Town Council  
2155 Main Street  
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August 1, 2014

Re: Town Manager's Report

Dear Council Members:

The following will keep you up-to-date on various topics.

1. **Grand Opening – Riverfront Park:**

A grand opening on the morning Saturday, September 27<sup>th</sup> is suggested subject to schedules, with a potential alternate date of Saturday, October 4<sup>th</sup>. A mid-morning (10am or 11am) time is contemplated.

2. **What's Happening in Glastonbury:**

The late July edition is attached for your information.

3. **Energy Efficiency:**

The ongoing project to install energy efficient exterior LED lighting at Town facilities continues. The next project will involve the Police Department site. Annual savings are estimated to total \$2,314 with a net project investment of \$9,558. This will be funded by the Town's most recent Bright Ideas grant with a payback of approximately 48 months.

4. **Economic Development:**

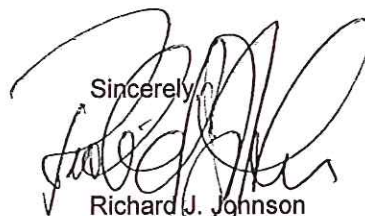
A brief summary of projects completed, in progress or recently approved is summarized below:

- ❖ Hebron Avenue – 8,000 s.f. retail – new construction – in progress.
- ❖ Glen Lochen – comprehensive exterior renovations – in progress.
- ❖ South Tavern – expansion and renovations – in progress.
- ❖ Naubuc Avenue – real estate office – new construction – in progress.
- ❖ Naubuc Avenue – dental office – renovations – in progress.
- ❖ Main Street at NLT – law offices and bank – renovations and new construction – in progress.
- ❖ South Glastonbury – restaurant – renovations – in progress.
- ❖ Flanagan's Landing – commercial/residential – new construction and renovations – in progress.
- ❖ Monaco Ford – renovations – approved with work to begin over short term.
- ❖ Western Boulevard – Class A medical office building – in progress.
- ❖ Western Boulevard – Hearth Management Elderly Living/Care – in progress.
- ❖ McDonald's Restaurant – new building construction – approval process underway.

5. **Annual Paving Program – Cost Saving:**

Town staff worked successfully with vendors to reduce the time gap between road milling and paving. This provided improved customer service, expedited road maintenance and avoided cost increases in raw materials. A nice job by all involved.

Sincerely,



Richard J. Johnson  
Town Manager

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## News

### What's Happening in Glastonbury

July 25, 2014 Edition

Posted Date: 7/25/2014 6:00 AM

#### Did You Know?

If you are a Metropolitan District Commission (MDC) customer, estimated water bills can be avoided by contacting the MDC Customer Service Department at 860-278-7850 to arrange an appointment to upgrade your meter and eliminate this situation. Estimated bills are clearly labeled as such on your water bill and result in abnormal and inaccurate water use charges and, in some cases, are reflected in your sewer use bill as well.

#### Tax Bills

Tax bills were mailed out on June 30, 2014 and are due July 1, 2014. You have until August 1, 2014 to pay without interest. Effective **July 1, 2014**, an additional \$3.00 fee will be added to each delinquent Motor Vehicle bill.

The new mill rate for 2013 grand list billing is \$35.65.

Advantages to paying your taxes online:

- View/Receive your tax bills online
- Pay your bill from wherever you have Internet access
- Confirm that your payment was received
- Get email reminders when a payment is due
- Faster and easier than writing checks

Go to [www.glastonbury-ct.gov](http://www.glastonbury-ct.gov).

#### Children's Water Festival

Tuesday, July 29, 2014 (rain date: Wednesday, July 30, 2014), 2:30-4:30 pm

Grange Pool, Hopewell Road, South Glastonbury

Registration: begins at 1 pm at the pool

The water festival is open to Glastonbury youth ages 7 to 14. The day will feature a variety of fun activities, including relays using kickboards, inner tubes, ping pong balls and life jackets.

Ice Pops will be served at the conclusion of the event.

#### Riverfront Music Festival - TUSK

Wednesday, July 30, 2014, 7-9 pm

Wells Street Riverfront Park (lawn behind the Riverfront Community Center)

Free

TUSK plays all the great hits of Fleetwood Mac.

#### Once on This Island - Presented by Glastonbury Youth & Family Services

August 7, 8 & 9, 2014, 7 pm

Glastonbury High School Auditorium, 330 Hubbard Street

Tickets are available online at [showtix4u.com](http://showtix4u.com)

#### The 40th Reunion for Creative Experiences' Participants

Saturday, August 9, 2014, 11 am-4 pm

Robb's Farm, 91 Wassuc Road, South Glastonbury

**Ice Cream Social - Addison Pool**

Tuesday, August 12, 2014 (rain date: Wednesday, August 13, 2014), 1 pm

The event will take place of the Arts and Craft program that typically meets at this time. The event is free to pool patrons. Ice Cream cups with chocolate syrup and other trimmings will be available.

The Ice Cream Social will continue until there is no more ice cream available.

**Refuse Disposal Division News**

- Permits for the new fiscal year beginning July 1, 2014 are now available and may be purchased at the Transfer Station, Bulky Waste Facility Customer Service Center and Engineering Department at Town Hall.
- Credit cards are also accepted at the Transfer Station and Bulky Waste for transactions.

Additional information can be found at [www.glastonbury-ct.gov](http://www.glastonbury-ct.gov) or by calling the Refuse Disposal Division at 860-652-7772.

**Riverfront Community Center Rental**

Are you planning your summer picnic, barbeque or graduation party? Whether you are planning an event for 25 or 250, think of the town's own Riverfront Community Center to accommodate your upcoming summer event. Our rooms are air-conditioned, spacious, clean, and affordable and offer abundant natural light. Our beautiful brick patio is fully furnished and overlooks grounds that are the perfect spot for summer fun. There's even a horseshoe pit! The Connecticut River lines our property and is beautiful this time of year!

Call today for more information at 860-652-7641 or visit the town website at [www.glastonbury-ct.gov](http://www.glastonbury-ct.gov) (click on Residents, then on Facility and Space Rental). We look forward to hearing from you!

**Back-to-School Program**

Do you want to make a difference in a child's life? Although summer is just starting, the new school year will be here before you know it! The Town of Glastonbury Human Services Department will collect and distribute school supplies to needy Glastonbury families for the upcoming 2014/15 school year. Children in grades Kindergarten through 12 will receive backpacks, school supplies and gift cards to ensure a successful start to the school year. Due to limited storage space at the Riverfront Community Center, donations can only be accepted **August 11 through August 18**. However, monetary donations to purchase gift cards and additional supplies for each of the students can be accepted now. Checks should be made out to "Town of Glastonbury" with "Back to School Program" in the memo and can be mailed or hand delivered to the Riverfront Community Center, 300 Welles Street in Glastonbury. For more information on making a donation or if you know someone who may benefit from this program, please contact Susan Parrotta, Outreach Social Worker at 860-652-7636 for further details.

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For a complete listing of Town Meetings and Calendar of Events, visit:

<http://www.glastonbury-ct.gov/index.aspx?page=18&returnURL=%2findex.aspx>.

If you know someone who would benefit from receiving "What's Happening in Glastonbury," please forward along to them. To register:

<http://www.glastonbury-ct.gov/index.aspx?page=17>.